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INTERROGATION REPORT ON

Dr. WERNER W E B E R of OKW/Chi.

1. The attached report, dated 7th August 1945 was sent in by Signal Security Det. "D" 7th U.S. Army.

2. The report gives WEBER's personal history and his account of OKW/Chi organisation.

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SUBJECT: Interrogation Report on Dr. Werner Weber.

TO: Commanding Officer, Signal Security Detachment "D", Headquarters USFET, APO 757, U S Army, Attn: TICOM.

1. The subject was Professor of Mathematics at Universities of Goettingen and Berlin from 1931 to 1939. He worked in OKW/CHI as, at first, a Gefreiter until early 1942 and continued thereafter as a civilian until the capture of the organisation by the Americans in May 1945.

2. He was a member of Hauptgruppe B, Gruppe IV, Referat c. The personnel in charge of each echelon follow:

Chiffrierstelle	-	Oberst Kaempf who was succeeded by Oberst Kettler
Hauptgruppe B	-	Ministerialrat Fenner
Gruppe IV	-	Regierungsrat Huettenhain
Referat c	-	Prof. Franz

The maximum number of personnel under Prof. Franz was 50. Weber claims to be longest in Gruppe IV except for Huettenhain and Franz. The Referat Weber was in what was identified as IVc1 prior to reorganisation.

3. The addresses of the office follows:

1941	-	Bendlerstrasse, Berlin
Sep 1941 - 1943	-	Gross Admiral Prinz Heinrich Strasse
1943 - 1944	-	Haus des Deutschen Fremden Verkehrs, Potsdamerstrasse 56
End 1944	-	Reichsleitung Arbeitsdienst, Schinklestrasse, Berlin
8 Mar 1945	-	Halle
27 Apr 1945	-	Werfen

4. Organisation changed from OKW to OKH on 14 April 1945.

5. Other knowledge of organisation follows:

Gruppe III	-	Communications
Gruppe IV	-	Foreign Secret Writings
Referat (a) or (b)	-	Tech. aids for analysts
c	-	Mathematical

Gruppe V - Languages (previous organisation-IV b)

Few girls and many unfit soldiers were used as assistants.

The following were the chief personnel of Referat BIVc:

Dr. Oswald Teichmueller - Now Russian Prisoner

Prof. Witt

Prof. Aumann

Dr. Johann Schultze

Hans Schmidt

Herbert Graesser

5. Dr. Werner Weber's work follows chronologically:

June - July 1941 - Weber and Teischmueller worked on U.S. Diplomatic 5-letter traffic. The traffic was never read. Only technical information gained: 7 to 10 alphabets were used, and different ones were used for odd and even groups.

July - Dec. 1941 - Worked on Jap Diplomatic Traffic. Was able to remove the cipher but as far as he knows could not read the code. Cipher was simple transposition using raster type of sheet with variable blacked out squares and 16 to 18 across. Column numbers changed daily; raster sheets changed every 10 days. This was June 41 traffic.

Dec 41 - Jly 43 - Worked on new Jap code which started in July 41. Same general system as above, except used 19 - 25 across. Much greater depth attained; traffic broke and read. Was able to read traffic 3 to 4 days old.

Aug 43 - Spring 44- New Jap systems. No success whatsoever.

Spring 1944 - Worked on Polish Diplomatic Traffic. Traffic passed in five figure groups. Four figure code enciphered by additives selected from any one of three tables. Each table made up of 2700 random one-digit figures - 90 across and 30 down. Code clerk could start at any place on any one of three tables. Four figure key group at beginning and a related control group at the end would govern table used position additive started. Traffic was being regularly read.

6. Dr. Weber still detained at Third Army Interrogation Centre. Has been member of Nazi Party since 1933.

For the Signal Intelligence Officer:

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